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New plane with visiting dignitaries, AAA and Tiara personnel



At left, Tiara Pilot; at right, Alejandro and Minister Oduber inspect the interior

Early in May it was announced by Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor, Otmar Oduber, that new destinations will be serviced by Aruba's own local airline Tiara Air and an Aruban branch of the Curacao Airline Insel Air.

Tiara Air, which now flies to Curacao, Bonaire, Punto Fijo and Maracaibo, Venezuela and Riohacha, Colombia, would add several new destinations to its schedule, including Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Boston, Massachusetts. The first big change for both airlines is they will carry the official Aruba logo on all their planes.

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Not Aruba under Holland, rather Aruba benefiting from being in the Dutch Kingdom According to Prime Minister Eman



ORANJESTAD -- Our relationship within the Dutch Kingdom is vitally important not only for Holland but especially for Aruba and the other countries that form part of the Dutch Kingdom.

Mike Eman, to Parliament members, said... "It is extremely important that we give true significance to our relationship in the Dutch Kingdom." We should not be intent on simply getting positive results for ourselves, but also for Holland. His government is of the opinion that we must not place Aruba under Holland, but we should strive for Aruba to benefit as much as possible from her strategic position while at the same time serving the interest of the Netherlands as well as of South America, Central America and the Caribbean.

Our strategic position is of cardinal value for Holland and her interests, likewise for the European Union. It is within this context that they were able to come up with an agreement with TNO. TNO is in route to Aruba to establish herself here to continue her investigations

on alternative energy. Aruba is affording TNO the opportunity to study the alternatives of sun and wind here. TNO is coming to Aruba not only to benefit us, but primarily to be able to reach South America where they can present their discoveries to the South American Market, according to Mike Eman.

This same is true for the Schiphol Group who will be using their success of running our Airport in Aruba to display their capability to all of South America. Likewise, GasUNie, the largest distributor of gas in all of Europe, will begin a new era using Aruba as the example of the product they will deliver. Our island will become the center of excellence for Holland, and this in no way has anything to do with us becoming part of Holland and losing our autonomy, according to Eman. This shift in our strategy requires a change of mentality, a change of character devoid of all frustration and unfounded arguments against the Netherlands said the Aruba Prime Minister.

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Colombia seeks to rescue abducted Chinese workers

BOGOTA, Colombia (AFP) - Colombia launched a major military and police operation Thursday to try to rescue four Chinese oil workers abducted by suspected leftist guerrillas in a remote southern jungle region.

A land and air operation was under way around the town of San Vicente del Caguan, a longtime stronghold of the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) guerrillas that government forces retook in 2002.

The Chinese employees -- three engineers and a translator working for the British oil company Emerald Energy -- were taken hostage on Wednesday, removed from their vehicle by seven guerrillas, thought to be FARC.

The kidnappers released the Colombian driver, who two hours later informed company officials and police.

Colombia said it has de-

ployed its elite Omega joint task force -- comprised of army, air force and marine units, and which operates mostly in the south of the country -- to search for the abducted men.

The FARC, which has been at war with the Colombian government since 1964, is the country's oldest and largest leftist group, with an estimated 8,000 combatants. Several other guerrilla groups, however, operate in the country.

Last year, 282 people were kidnapped in Colombia, a 32 percent increase compared to the previous year, according to official figures.

Criminals were responsible for most of the kidnappings --

57 percent -- compared to 35 percent for leftist guerrillas.

Earlier this year, Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos warned that foreign multinationals would be kicked out of the country if they paid ransoms to guerrillas or criminal gangs for protection or to ransom kidnapped workers.

That warning, in March, came after more than 20 employees of South American Exploration, a subcontractor of Canadian oil company Talisman Energy and Colombia's Ecopetrol, were freed by their kidnappers, with Santos noting there was talk among the freed hostages of a ransom of some \$2.6 million.

Kazakh candidate says Lagarde's IMF victory a 'done deal'

LONDON, England (AFP) - The Kazakh candidate for the leadership of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said yesterday he believed it was a "done deal" that the top job would go to France's Christine Lagarde.

In an interview with Britain's Daily Telegraph newspaper, Grigory Marchenko, who heads the National Bank of Kazakhstan, said he believed the Group of Eight developed countries had agreed to back the French finance minister.

"There's a lot of information coming from different sources which is implying that there's agreement between G8 countries about support for Madame Lagarde, and if countries which together have more than 60 percent of the vote have agreed to support one candidate, then it's more or less a done deal," he told the paper.

He added: "Whether this

deal was reached several months ago, or whether it was reached in May in Deauville in France (at a G8 summit), it's pretty clear the deal has been reached."

Marchenko has the support of the former Soviet bloc but could back out of the race as early as this evening, according to the newspaper.

Although Mexico's central bank governor Agustín Carstens remains a candidate, Marchenko expressed disappointment that developing nations had not come together to choose a single candidate who would have a better chance of winning.

"Another thing that's clear, and sad, is that developing countries are not in a position to come up with a single candidate," he said. "If developing nations unite around a single candidate, I would be more than happy to support him or her."



DHOLKA, India : Indian relatives gather to identify their next of kin at the PHC Hospital in Dholka, some 40 kms from Ahmedabad on June 9, 2011. Eighteen pilgrims lost their lives when a truck ran over the pilgrims, who were on their way to a fair at a religious shrine, as they slept on the side of the road.

AFP PHOTO

Mexico peace convoy to reach Ciudad Juarez

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico (AFP) - A Mexican convoy protesting violence triggered by a military crackdown on drug cartels was Thursday to arrive in Ciudad Juarez on the final leg of its 3,000-kilometer (1,860-mile) journey.

The peace caravan of about 20 buses, led by famed poet and journalist turned protest-organizer Javier Sicilia, reached northern Chihuahua, where the demonstrators erected a huge wooden cross outside the local government offices, marking the spot where a local man, Marisela Escobedo, was killed by a gunman in December while protesting against the release

of his daughter's killer.

The convoy will then head to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico's most violent city, which borders the United States.

Its arrival in Ciudad Juarez comes amid a new spurt of violence Thursday, when 21 bodies were found strewn around Morelia in western Mexico, several bearing warning notes, just a few days after the peace caravan passed through.

Police said some of the victims' faces were covered by tape and some showed signs of torture.

The city of one million is considered the most violent in Mexico, with more than 3,100 murders in 2010.

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5000 citizens received stipend allowance because of Government saving on rentals



ORANJESTAD -- Prime Minister Eman in a rebuttal to opposition members in Parliament defended the government's decision to introduce the so-called "reparatietoeslag" (stipend allowance).

This money allocated for the purpose of helping those most in need of financial assistance became available as a result of the government's termination of some lucrative rental agreements they inherited.

Eman concurred that the amount afforded each citizen who needs this assistance is very small. However, he claimed that for someone who previously lived on Afls.650 and now is receiving Afls.1155, this definitely makes quite a difference to such a person.

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South American ash cloud becomes major disruption

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AFP) -- The vast ash cloud spewing from Chile's Puyehue volcano caused major disruption to South American air travel yesterday, grounding hundreds of flights and upsetting regional diplomacy.

All flights in and out of the Argentine capital were halted as well as most arriving or departing the Uruguayan capital Montevideo, forcing President Jose Mujica to postpone a Buenos Aires meeting with his Argentine counterpart.

As the travel misery intensified, organizers were also forced to postpone today's first

annual meeting in Buenos Aires of finance ministers from the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) regional bloc. No new date was set.

"Humans make plans, but God has the final word," the Uruguayan leader, Mujica, said on his weekly radio program.

The volcano, which rumbled to life on Saturday for the first time since 1960, is high in the Andes mountains 870 kilometers (540 miles) south of the Chilean capital Santiago, near the border with Argentina.

Northeasterly winds have spread the ash across much of

southern Argentina -- threatening to hurt tourism in the mountains at the start of the winter ski season -- as well as into Uruguay and southern Brazil.

Chilean volcano monitors said Puyehue was belching ash columns that reached nearly 7.5 kilometers (4.6 miles) into the sky.

A Buenos Aires aviation official said the ash was some 9,000 meters (29,000 feet) above the Argentine capital and pointed out that planes fly on average at 10,000 meters (33,000 feet).

Government intent on eliminating asbestos roofs

ORANJESTAD -- Minister Sievinger with construction under his watch yesterday expressed his concern regarding the various roofs that are still covered with asbestos material on Aruban roofs.

It is no secret that asbestos material consists of a very dangerous substance known to be extremely hazardous to one's health which could cause cancer.

The minister explained to Parliament yesterday that since 2007 there is a proclamation that the Netherlands is complying with, which states that the use of asbestos is prohibited and that wherever there still is asbestos that it must be removed and be safely discarded.

Also, the disposal of asbestos material must be disposed of in a particular manner in an effort to safeguard the environment and those in the vicinity.

Those who must dispose of this material must make contact with DIP - the government department in charge with infrastructure and planning - who will follow up on this with their trained staff.



They will provide the necessary instruction on how to proceed with the disposal and at the same time supervise the entire process to guarantee that the required protocol is followed.

Based on this, the government is conducting an analysis of how many houses on Aruba still have asbestos roofs. Aruba is intent on implementing the same procedure as in the Netherlands. There the Dutch government made a certain amount of money available to help those who needed to replace their asbestos roofs with some other safe roof covering.

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BMW and Ultimate Automobiles invite everyone to come and admire the BMW Active Hybrid 7 series on Aruba. BMW manufactured two powerful hybrid-electric vehicles combine with an unmatched spacious interior. Both models sport the famous BMW 4.4 liter twin-turbo engine with an Automatic 8 speed transmission that accel-

erates from 0 to 60 miles in only 47 seconds. Its EPA gas consumption is 18% less when compared with a non-hybrid vehicle. The ActiveHybrid 7, which will be stationed at the Paseo Herencia, is equipped with a START/STOP button that prevents unnecessary fuel usage when the car is waiting at traffic lights or in stop and go traffic/ A lithium-ion battery controls the radio, Bluetooth and airco system when the engine is off.

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Yesterday afternoon, Tiara Air CEO Alejandro Muyali welcomed Minister Oduber along with government and airport officials to the tarmac to officially inspect the newly painted Shorts 360, soon to depart on its regular flight to Bonaire.

The colorful Aruba logo is appealing and eye-catching, and "will certainly help perpetuate interest and excitement about Aruba as a destination," commented the Minister.



Tiara CEO Alejandro Muyali and Minister Oduber

The second Short 360 that presently comprises the Tiara fleet will have its new paint job within the month, depending on flight demand; the airline is acquiring a Boeing jet, which will also carry its logo, for the U.S. flights, expected to begin by the end of the year.

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Unemployment in Aruba down in 2010 by 22%!



ORANJESTAD -- Minister of Labor, Otmar Oduer, referring to a document in concept form, regarding a study conducted on the 2010 labor market, indicated that despite the fact that the figures are not all in, he was making a copy available to Parliament in keeping with his transparent policy.

According to the Minister, in 2007 there were 859 persons registered as not employed, and in 2008 this number increased to 1345 persons unemployed. Then in 2009 this number rose even more to a whopping 1825 registered unemployed persons. However, as of 2010 they were successful in reducing the number of unemployed citizens on Aruba by almost 22%. His objective is to continue to work towards reducing the number of unemployed to even more than what it is today so that the majority of our citizens are in the labor force.

The report also refers to the large number of petitions for the dismissal of employ-

ees from the labor force. In 2007 there were 121 petitions for dismissal, in 2008 this went up to 312, and in 2009 this increased even more to 805 persons who were laid off from work. Now, in 2010 the number of petitions for lay off went down to 649, which is a reduction of almost 22%.

The Department of Labor registered almost 600 unemployed persons in the age range of 16 to 30 years for 2010. Remarkable about these figures is that the majority of these 600 persons are

young people who did not finish school but who are school drop outs.

It is for this reason; the Minister reported that they reorganized the Department of Labor.

Now they can more effectively address this matter and help more people find work.

Because the Department is also involved in research and investigation, they are better equipped to handle any situation. This, he said was lacking for many years. He is convinced that without the proper figures it is impossible to stipulate a management philosophy. This year alone there will be some 15 reports and an investigation on the phenomena of 'cheap labor.'

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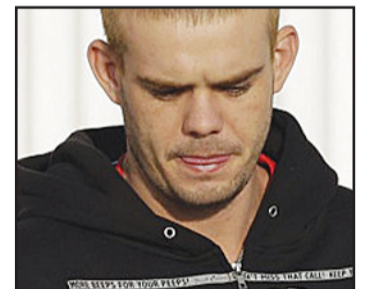
LIMA, Peru -- The father of Van der Sloot's victim Stephany Flores reports that "We know this girl has been seeing him for several weeks now". Mr Flores says she is an employee at the casino where Joran met Stephany. The young woman reportedly helps Joran with all kinds of day-to-day affairs. She was at his side the whole time during Wednesday's court hearing.

The hearing was the first time Ricardo Flores came eye-to-eye with Joran van der Sloot, who is accused of killing Stephany Flores more than a year ago. Mr Flores said

he could not stand being in the same room with the suspect. "I had to leave the room, I could not stand it" Mr Flores said.

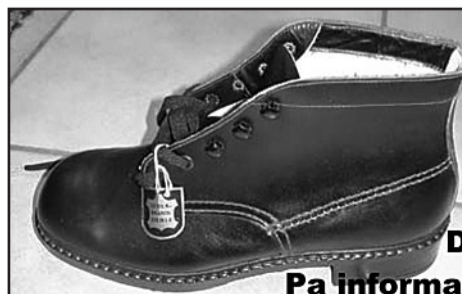
The trial was adjourned because Mr van der Sloot still had not been assigned an interpreter and because of the resignation of his attorney Máximo Altez. However, during the hearing Mr Van der Sloot, who lived on the island of Aruba for years, was able to address the court in fluent Spanish.

Mr Flores refuses to believe that Máximo Altez has actually resigned as Joran van der Sloot's attorney. He believes it



is all part of the lawyer's strategy.

According to the victim's father, the young Dutchman looked well-fed. He is reportedly running a small business in prison. Mr Flores' attorney says it's probably a snacks and soft drinks stand.



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Wrinkles can predict woman's bone break risk



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Wrinkles on a woman's face may be able to predict how likely she is to suffer from bone fractures, according to a US study released Monday.

That's because the level of proteins in the skin and bones are linked, so if a woman's face and neck are severely wrinkled, she faces a higher risk of bone breakage due to bone density loss, said Yale University researchers.

Researchers examined 114 early post-menopausal women, whose last menstrual period was within three years, as part of an ongoing clinical trial at numerous sites in the United States.

They measured the women's skin at 11 locations on the face and neck, both visually and using a device known as a durometer to assess how rigid the skin was on the forehead and cheek.

Bone mass and density were measured with a portable ultrasound and X-ray.

"We found that deepening and worsening skin wrinkles are related to lower bone density among the study participants," said Lubna Pal, associate professor in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive

Science at Yale School of Medicine.

"The worse the wrinkles, the lesser the bone density, and this relationship was independent of age or of factors known to influence bone mass."

More resilient skin was linked to better bone density, said the study released at the Endocrine Society meeting in the north-eastern city of Boston, Massachusetts.

"Our findings that the appearance and physical properties of the skin can reflect the quality of the skeleton are noteworthy because this may allow clinicians to identify fracture risk in post-menopausal women 'at a glance' without depending on costly tests," said Pal.

HP said the version of the TouchPad which goes on sale in the United States next month will be Wi-Fi only. Apple offers both Wi-Fi and 3G versions of the iPad. HP said that it will be teaming up with AT&T to introduce a 3G version of the TouchPad later this year.

Climate change 'will cut water for farmers': UN

ROME (AFP) - The UN food agency on Thursday warned climate change will restrict the availability of water for farming in decades to come, including in the Mediterranean region, and urged governments to take action.

A report by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said climate change will reduce river runoff and aquifer recharges, adding that the loss of glaciers "will eventually impact the amount of surface water available."

The report said that in Asia "large areas of irrigated land that rely on snowmelt and mountain glaciers for

HP's TouchPad going on sale in US on July 1

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US computer giant Hewlett-Packard announced on Thursday that its rival to Apple's hot-selling iPad, the HP TouchPad, will go on sale in the United States on July 1.

The touchscreen tablet computer, which is powered by the webOS software platform bought from Palm, will be available in Britain, France, Ireland and Germany a few days later and in Canada in mid-July, HP said in a statement.

The device will go on sale in Australia, Hong Kong, Italy, New Zealand, Singapore and Spain later this year, the Palo Alto, California-based HP said.

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duce a 3G version of the TouchPad later this year.

A TouchPad with 16 gigabytes of internal storage will sell for \$499.99 in the United States while a 32GB version will sell for \$599.99, HP said.

It said pricing for other countries will be revealed later.

"What makes HP TouchPad a compelling alternative to competing products is webOS," said Jon Rubinstein,

senior vice president and general manager of HP's Palm Global Business Unit.

Rubinstein was chief executive of Palm when it was bought by HP last year.

HP, the world's top personal computer maker, acquired Palm and its webOS platform for \$1.2-billion in a bid to become a player in the fast-growing market for smartphones and tablet computers.

TouchPad weighs about 1.5 pounds (0.7 kilograms) and has a 9.7-inch (24.6 centimeter) display -- the same weight and screen size as the iPad.

The iPad accounted for 83.9 percent of the total 17.6 million tablets sold in 2010, according to technology research company Gartner, which predicts worldwide tablet sales will soar to 294.3 million in 2015.

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What you eat affects the air you exhale. Avoid certain foods, such as garlic and onions, that contribute to objectionable breath odor. Brushing and mouthwash will only mask the odor temporarily.

Brush and floss daily so particles of food don't remain in the mouth, collecting bacteria while rotting.

Prevent dry mouth, which may be caused by various medications, salivary gland problems, or continuously breathing through the mouth. Use an artificial saliva (prescribed by your dentist), chew sugarless candy or gum, and increase your fluid intake.

Stop using tobacco products. Ask your dentist for tips on kicking the habit.

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EHEC on Dutch beetroot sprouts not same strain as in Germany



Traces of the EHEC bacteria have been found on beetroot sprouts from a Dutch grower, EU officials said on Wednesday evening.

The sprouts are not carrying the same variant of the bacteria as has killed some 25 people in Germany, but all produce from

that grower is being removed from the supermarket shelves as a precautionary measure, health minister Edith Schippers told Radio 1 news.

According to the Telegraaf, earlier this week, food safety inspectors found traces of EHEC on sprouts from the

same company.

The European Union informed the Netherlands late Wednesday that contaminated beet sprouts had been found in Germany, and tests in the Netherlands confirmed it.

There are hundreds of E. coli bacteria strains in nature,

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Karaoke Night for Public Ministry employees

ORANJESTAD – The Public Ministry organizing committee announced a grand karaoke night for all employees of its department, Court employees and employees of other government departments and law offices will take place on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at the 'Melao de Cana' located at Noord 19-A, next to the Noord Community Center. The event starts at 8:00 p.m.

The committee reminds everyone that it is not a competition; there will be no prizes for participants. It is the intention for all employees to spend a pleasant night together, singing and demonstrating



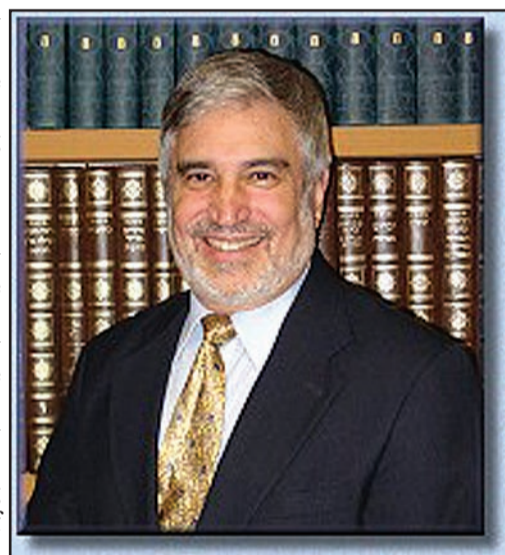
their talents. There will be surprises, so stay tuned!

For more information please contact Tica Boekhoudt at tel. 592-4833 or Lica Brion at tel. 582-2724.

Aruba Hospitality & Security Foundation invites tourism security expert to Aruba

The Aruba Hospitality & Security Foundation (AH&SF) was founded on June 1st, 2001 by Jan van Nes and Roland Peterson as members of the AHATA security committee. There was a need for more security and visibility of police officers in the hotels area and AHATA was concerned that the response time after incidents was not in line with what was expected of a quality destination. To commemorate the event the AH&SF has invited renowned international tourism security guru Dr. Peter Tarlow to speak about Tourism Security and the marketing of same on June 13, 2011 at the Occidental Grand Aruba. Dr. Peter Tarlow will also be speaking about the role of Tourism Security in economically challenging times.

lice and security departments. Based on the false premise that security adds nothing to the bottom line, police departments and professional security agencies have seen their budgets curtailed precisely when they were most needed. This police and security cutback is especially challenging to every form of tourism: from hotels to attractions, from restaurants to transportation providers. To help you place this need in perspective, consider the following:



DR. TARLOW

2001 visitors wanted to know if a locale provides good tourism security. Tourism security is not just about putting police on the streets, it is also about making sure that food is safe, that pandemics do not decimate an industry or that a location's reputation is not destroyed by panhandlers or prostitution.

The lecture of Dr. Tarlow will take place on June 13 at the Occidental from 09.00 – 10.30 am and is aimed to attract Hotel General Managers, security directors, press/media and leading decision makers within our community. Interested parties can contact Dario Somers at 738-8888 or dario@arubasecurityfoundation.org A brainstorming session with the AH&SF, ATA, AHATA and top Police Management is planned to determine the course of the AH&SF in 2011 and beyond.

The Role of Tourism Security in Economically Challenging Times

Despite some of the optimistic talk of global economic recovery, the highest likelihood is that the tourism industry still has several challenging months or even years ahead of it. Often when the economy is down we not only forget to be 'up' but we tend to cut back where we ought not to be cutting back. The same is true of communities throughout the world. For example, numerous communities have cut back on their marketing campaigns precisely during a period when they ought to be expanding these campaigns.

Another area that unfortunately is being curtailed is po-

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While business travelers may have to go to places that they would prefer to avoid, the leisure traveler can choose to go somewhere else or simply stay at home. Despite the fact that the travel industry does not like the word, the 'staycation' is becoming a part of our economic landscape. It only takes one incident to destroy the sense of security that visitors demand.

Without tourism security even the best marketing will fail.

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
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Leona Helmsley's millionaire dog dies

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - "Trouble," the pooch who inherited \$12 million from hotel mogul Leona Helmsley, has died, heading to the hunting grounds in the sky and leaving a trail of money and legal disputes behind.

The pampered Maltese bitch with a curly off-white coat died December 13, spokeswoman Eileen Sullivan said, but news only emerged yesterday.

She was 12 in human years, or 84 in doggie years, just shy of the 87 years at which her eccentric mistress and benefactor Helmsley

died in 2007.

"She was cremated, and her remains are being privately retained," Sullivan said. The remaining funds held in trust for "Trouble" have gone to The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust.

When Helmsley died she left her adored companion \$12 million, but a New York judge agreed she had been mentally incompetent and knocked down that fortune to a mere \$2 million, while boosting the inheritance left to Helmsley's human family and to charity.

A sweet surprise for Aruba's special athletes



Special athletes receive donation

There is only one week to go until a delegation of 18 special athletes plan to depart for Athens, Greece to participate in the World Summer Games 2011. A year of fundraising culminated in a major event filled with entertainment by some of Aruba's most popular dancing and singing groups on Sunday afternoon, June 5, at Paseo Herencia Shopping Center in Palm Beach.

One of the performing groups was Pachanga Dance lead by former World Salsa Champion Oslin Boekhoudt, which included the enthusiastic participation of Dr. Carlos Viana and his wife, Phyllis. When Dr. Viana is not only running his holistic treatment clinic, they dedicate much of their time to staying in shape dancing.

The day after the fundraising event, a couple of Dr. Viana's patients, who are part time residents of Aruba, approached him, complimenting him and his wife on a most entertaining performance, which they had seen broadcast live on I-TV cable channel 49. They were not aware that the event



Phyllis steals the show on Sunday

was a fundraiser; upon discovering it was for such a worthy cause, they insisted on making a donation to help the special athletes on their way.

Dr. Viana was very please to turn over the funds to a portion of the delegation which will be traveling to Greece, while receiving a small tour of the Man Na Obra Center, where many of Aruba's mentally challenged receive vocational training. It was a rewarding moment for all in-

volved.

Aruba's special athletes are still in need of donations to meet their needs; contributions can be made by calling Special Olympics Foundation Aruba Committee Chairman Arturo Werleman at 730-0414, Netty Williams at 742-6605, Elvira Tromp at 568-6155 or to at RBTT Bank Acct #4056892-Fundacion Special Olympics Aruba.

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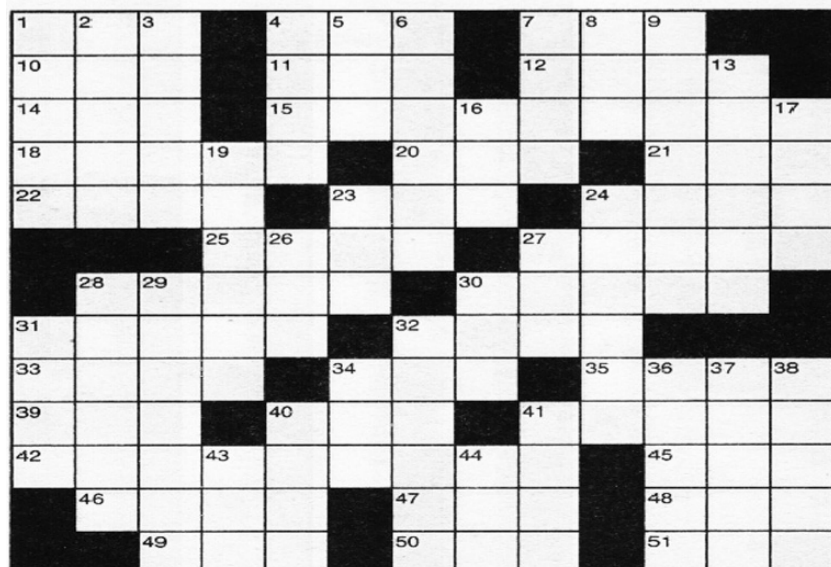
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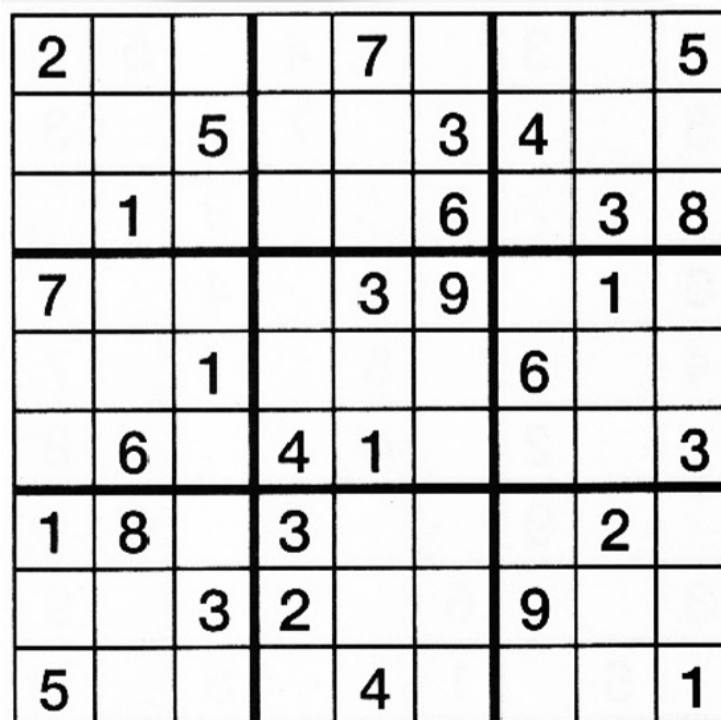
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Air France mega-order split between Airbus, Boeing: source

PARIS, France (AFP) - Air France-KLM will split a key order for 100 long-haul carriers between Europe's Airbus and US rival Boeing, a source close to the deal said yesterday.

"The final result will undoubtedly be a balanced result between the two constructors," the source told AFP.

The Franco-Dutch airline is planning to purchase a hundred carriers to replace aging Airbus A340s and McDonnell Douglas MD-11s, constituting a major prize for the chosen supplier, or suppliers.

The bill will be in the tens of billions of dollars when the details of the order are announced, something which is expected to happen next month.

French parliamentary deputy Bernard Carayon has launched a petition calling on



Air France to choose the twin-jet A350, designed as Airbus' answer to the much delayed Boeing 787 Dreamliner, for its mega-deal.

By yesterday a hundred deputies from across the political spectrum had signed the petition, almost a fifth of the chamber.

Junior transport minister

Thierry Mariani promised that "French industry would be taken into account," in the awarding of the contract.

The French state holds a 15.7 percent stake in Air France-KLM.

Among its current fleet, Air France-KLM has 73 Boeing planes against 35 Airbus carriers

Oil prices rise on OPEC supply concerns

LONDON (AFP) - Oil prices firmed slightly on Thursday owing to prospects of tight supplies after OPEC maintained its output ceiling ahead of an expected pick-up in energy demand later in the year, analysts said.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for July, gained \$1.19 to \$101.93 a barrel.

London's Brent North Sea crude for delivery in July rose \$1.72 to \$119.57 a barrel.

OPEC's heated meeting in

Vienna on Wednesday resulted in the cartel's official output target remaining at 24.84 million barrels per day (bpd), where it has stood since January 2009.

That announcement sent oil prices rocketing two dollars on Wednesday. Traders had speculated that the 12-nation Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) would boost its production quota to help cool oil prices and in turn boost economic recovery.

Premier League income tops £2bn

LONDON (AFP) - Premier League clubs' revenues smashed through the £2 billion barrier for the first time last year but soaring wages remain a concern for the world's richest league, a study reported on Thursday.

The 20th Annual Review of Football Finance from Deloitte reported that Premier League clubs earned £2.030 billion in 2009/10, a figure which is expected to rise to £2.2 billion in 2010/2011 when new television deals kick in.

However the report cautioned that the increase in revenues of £49 million was outstripped by the rise in total wage costs of £64 million, taking total payroll costs to more than £1.4 billion or 68 percent of revenues.

Other figures in the report showed record pre-tax losses in the Premier League clubs of £445 million overall, with gross transfer spending down by more than 20 percent from the record £713 million in 2008-09 to £559 million last season.

US top court rules against Microsoft in patent case

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Supreme Court upheld a \$290 million patent infringement verdict against US software giant Microsoft on Thursday in a closely watched case brought by a small Canadian company.

Toronto-based i4i Inc. sued the Redmond, Washington-based Microsoft in March 2007 claiming that some versions of popular Word software violated patent rights it held to XML technology.

In December 2009, a US

Court of Appeals upheld a jury verdict and lower court ruling in the case ordering Microsoft to pay \$290 million to i4i.

Microsoft was accused by i4i of infringing on a 1998 XML patent in its Word 2003 and Word 2007 programs. Word uses XML, or Extensible Markup Language, to open .XML, .DOCX, and .DOCX files.

Microsoft wanted defendants in infringement cases to be able to prove a patent invalid by showing a "prepon-

derance of evidence," rather than the tougher standard of "clear and convincing evidence" that it was held to in this case.

The Supreme Court disagreed and unanimously upheld the appeals court ruling on Thursday.

In a statement following the ruling, Microsoft said it would continue to seek to change the law.

"This case raised an important issue of law which the Supreme Court itself had questioned in an earlier decision and which we believed needed resolution," a Microsoft spokesman said.

"While the outcome is not what we had hoped for, we will continue to advocate for changes to the law that will prevent abuse of the patent system and protect inventors who hold patents representing true innovation," he said.

African Union calls for non-European IMF chief

NAIROBI, (AFP) - The African Union said Thursday that the next head of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) should be a non-European and in particular an African, in a break with Europe's stranglehold of the post.

Today is the deadline for nominations for the next managing director of the IMF after Dominique Strauss-Kahn resigned last month.

"The African Union believes that it is now time for a non-European, particularly an African, to be at the helm of the IMF..." the pan-African body said in a statement.

French Finance Minister Christine Lagarde is seen as the leading contender for the post and has been on a world tour to make her case. Last month IMF directors from

Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa -- the so-called BRICS economies -- also said Europe's longstanding exclusive deal to lead the IMF "undermines the legitimacy of the Fund."

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Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters,

caterers, airline pick-up and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

Gold Coast accommodations are elegant and spacious, offering privacy for

homes come with cable TV, high-speed fiber-optic Internet connection, individual washer/dryer, and are fully air-conditioned. Cribs, high chairs and hair dryers are available for a modest fee.



parents or a few couples. Beautifully appointed kitchens and bathrooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the island life. All

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Popular Pizza Bob's is perfect for casual dining



A popular hangout with Eagle Beach temporary residents



Swedish sisters Sharla and Carolina are huge fans of Pizza Bob's

Everyone has those nights when they want an easy, casual meal, and among denizens of the Eagle Beach area, their favorite place for fun food and friendly surroundings is Pizza Bob's, right next to the Bucuti Beach resort parking lot.

Maitre D' Alex adores welcoming his abundant repeat clientele, being five minutes walk from most of Aruba's timeshares has made the place a prime eatery among families with healthy appetites. Their pizza is modeled on the classic thin crust typical of Chicago's Southside, and the secret recipe of a famous pizzeria since 1957, which we dare not name as we might get whacked!

While checking out the locale, Alex introduced us to Sharla and Caroline from Sweden, frequent visitors to Aruba who can't imagine a vacation without several dinner stops at Pizza Bob's. This was the general consensus of all the guests who we spoke with during our time there; all make it a multiple meal choice during their vacation. "I have one couple from Germany who eat here every night of their vacation," confessed Alex, "they are

like family to us!"

Aside from the famous pizzas, the menu features very tasty barbecue, a personal favorite of Caroline, lasagna, Fresh Vegetable Linguini and huge salads that can be shared by two, plus a personal favorite for dessert, "Death by Chocolate." They do sport an air-conditioned dining room, which is popular at lunch time to escape the tropical mid-day sun, but nighttime is the right time to enjoy their outdoor terrace and great music from noted island singer Tommy every Wednesday and Saturday night, which converts the eatery into a congenial hangout until closing time.

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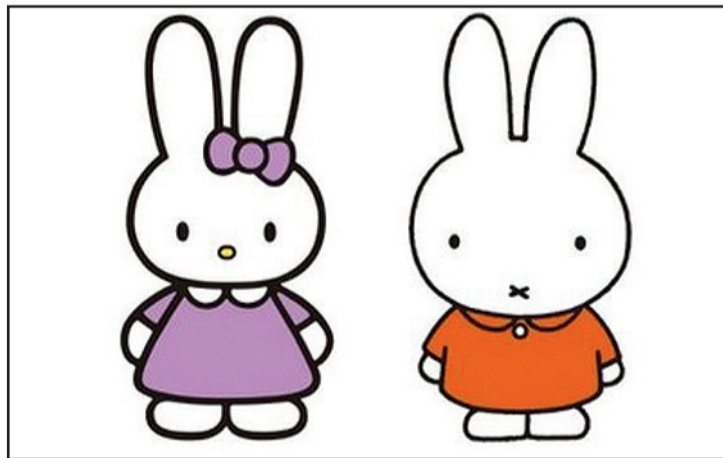
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Japan's Hello Kitty resolves bunny battle with Miffy



Cartoon images from Sanrio's rabbit character Cathy (L) and Dutch children book author Dick Bruna's famous rabbit character Miffy (R).

TOKYO, Japan (AFP) – The Japanese company behind Hello Kitty has agreed with the Dutch creator of bunny character Miffy to end a copyright row and instead donate legal costs to victims of the March quake and tsunami.

An Amsterdam court in November 2010 ordered Sanrio to halt production and sales of Cathy -- Kitty's rabbit friend -- merchandise in the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg after finding the

Japanese bunny closely resembled Miffy, created by a Dutch children's author in the 1950s.

Sanrio argued no such infringement had taken place and appealed the injunction which had been sought by Mercis, the Dutch copyright management firm acting for Miffy's creator Dick Bruna.

But after a lengthy dispute the two companies issued a joint press release announcing that they had reached "a worldwide settlement ending

all legal disputes" and spelling the end for Cathy.

"Mercis and Sanrio prefer to donate the money that should be spent on legal proceedings, to the reconstruction and recovery of Japan," they said.

"At its own free will, Sanrio will cease and desist from the use of the character Cathy," they said, adding the two companies would "make considerable efforts to keep a respectful distance from each other's characters."

They will jointly donate 150,000 euros (\$220,000) towards Japanese reconstruction efforts.

Miffy was created in 1955, while Cathy has been marketed since 1976 as one of the friends of Hello Kitty, a character that made its debut in 1974.

Hello Kitty has since spawned a massive global industry with sales of some 50,000 Kitty products in nearly 60 countries, including two theme parks in Japan and a third costing \$230 million planned for China.

US First Lady to appear on TV show iCarly



2009 file photo of U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama.

LOS ANGELES (AFP) – US First Lady Michelle Obama is to make an appearance on hit television comedy iCarly, to help promote one of her pet causes, according to the Nickelodeon TV network.

Barack Obama's wife will play a cameo role to promote Joining Forces, which aims to boost support for military families, in an episode expected to be aired in January.

"She's guest starring... she's going to be talking about her Joining Forces initiative," Nickelodeon spokeswoman

Adriana Lemus told AFP on Wednesday.

Obama appears "in the most positive way possible" as part of a web chat between the show's main character, Carly Shay, and her father serving overseas in the military, according to reports confirmed by Lemus.

The First Lady is expected to visit California next week for fundraising events, according to local media reports. The Nickelodeon spokeswoman declined to say whether she might record her iCarly spot during that trip.



Tennis: Nadal, Murray, Roddick in Queen's last eight



Britain's Andy Murray returns the ball during his match against Serbia's Janko Tipsarevic

LONDON, England (AFP) – Rafael Nadal had to dig deep to reach the quarter-finals at Queen's with a hard-fought 6-3, 5-7, 6-1 win against Czech veteran Radek Stepanek on Thursday.

Few players have made the switch from clay to grass courts more effectively than Nadal, but the French Open champion is taking a while to find his feet on the lush lawns of west London as he prepares for the defence of his Wimbledon title.

The top seeded Spaniard admits he could do with some time off as he is still drained by his heroics in Paris and the strain showed a little during this inconsistent display.

So far Nadal has struggled to recapture the magical shot-making that dazzled Roger Federer in the French Open final.

He looked comfortable enough in the first set on Thursday and got the only break in the fifth game as a powerful backhand pass left Stepanek rooted to the spot.

The second set seemed to be following a similar pattern when Nadal broke for a 3-1 lead.

This time Stepanek, aided by some sloppy play from Nadal, broke back as the Spaniard served for the match.

Encouraged by that escape, Stepanek took advantage of a series of Nadal double faults to break again and then serve out the set.

At such pressurised moments Nadal usually finds the winning formula.

So it proved in the final set as he finally found some momentum, breaking twice in succession to set up a last eight clash against French fifth seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

World number four Andy Murray ignored the pain of his ankle injury to reach the last eight with a 6-4, 7-6 (7/3) win over Serbian 14th seed Janko Tipsarevic.

Murray has conceded that the recovery time for the ligament and tendon damage he sustained at the French Open means he should really be resting this week, but a desire to get plenty of time on grass before Wimbledon has forced

him to ignore his discomfort.

The 24-year-old, wearing a brace on his troublesome right ankle and moving cautiously at times, did a reasonable job of disguising the pain as he secured a last eight match against Marin Cilic or Thomaz Bellucci.

Elsewhere in the third round of the Wimbledon warm-up, Andy Roddick remained in the hunt for a record fifth Queen's crown with a 6-4, 6-4 win over South Africa's Kevin Anderson.

The American third seed, a three-time Wimbledon finalist, thrives on grass and he did just enough to see off 15th seed Anderson and seal a last eight clash against Fernando Verdasco, who defeated David Nalbandian 7-5, 6-1.

France's Adrian Mannarino enjoyed a remarkable double success as he reached the last eight on his Queen's debut.

Mannarino started the day with his second round tie against French sixth seed Gilles Simon delicately poised at one set all overnight.

But Simon had to pull out when trailing 3-0 in the final set due to a back injury.

And Mannarino, ranked 54th in the world, followed that success with an even better result just hours later as the 22-year-old defeated former US Open champion Juan Martin del Potro 7-6 (7/3), 7-6 (9/7)



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Bolt cruises, Semanya outshone at Bislett Games



OSLO, Norway (AFP) – Usain Bolt delivered a stunning 200m victory at the Bislett Games on Thursday but Caster Semenya was outshone by unheralded Moroccan Halima Hachlaf in the women's 800m.

Bolt, the double world and Olympic champion and world record holder in both the 100 and 200m, was making his season's bow in the longer discipline, which he last raced in May 2010.

And the 24-year-old Jamaican did not disappoint, clocking a world lead time of 19.86 seconds in the fifth meet of the 14-leg Diamond League series.

Bolt, who set a world record time of 19.19sec when winning the 200m at the 2009 worlds in Berlin, showed little event rustiness, easing into the bend and hitting the back straight absolutely flying.

Starting in lane six, the Jamaican had caught compatriot Mario Forsythe on his outside within the first 15 metres, and in the final 80 metres there was no one to come close to the Jamaican.

Gambian-born Norwegian Jaysuma Saidy Ndure finished second on 20.43sec, with Forsythe taking third 0.06sec adrift.

In the women's 800m, Hachlaf produced a formidable sprint finish down the home stretch to pip Semenya and second-placed Russian Mariya Savinova in a world lead time of 1min 58.27sec

But Semenya, who stormed to victory at the 2009 World Athletics Championships but was cast into limbo soon after until July 2010 because of allegations over her true gender, was happy with her performance.

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Bruins rout Canucks to level Stanley Cup

BOSTON, Massachusetts (AFP) - The Boston Bruins routed the Vancouver Canucks 4-0 to tie the NHL Stanley Cup Final at two games apiece.

Tim Thomas made 37 saves for his third shutout of the playoffs and Rich Peverley scored two goals after replacing the injured Nathan Horton on the Bruins' top

line.

The Bruins, who were reeling after dropping the first two games of the best-of-seven series, now head back to Vancouver for Friday's game five on level terms.

The series will return to Boston for game six on Monday.

"It's always easier to be at home," said Brad Marchand, who also scored for Boston along with Michael Ryder. "We feed off the energy, off our fans. They just bring out the best in us. ... Just seems everyone is so focused right now."

The Bruins are seeking their first NHL title since 1972. To claim it, they must win at least once in Vancouver.

Arsenal ready to let Barca sign Fabregas

MADRID (AFP) - Arsenal have abandoned efforts to keep skipper Cesc Fabregas who could be set for a return to Spanish giants Barcelona, Spanish sports newspapers said Thursday.

Gunners coach Arsene Wenger has allowed his skipper to leave on condition he does not sign with another English team, the Barcelona-based daily Mundo Deportivo said, quoting a conversation between the two.

Another paper, Sport, said Arsenal could ask for up to 50 million euros for the 24-year-old midfielder, a star of Spain's 2010 World Cup-winning squad.

Wenger had insisted last month that he was determined to spend a second successive summer fighting off mighty Barcelona to keep Fabregas at the Emirates.

Red Sox beat Yankees for division lead



NEW YORK (AFP) - David Ortiz hit one of Boston's three home runs as the Red Sox continued their 2011 dominance of the New York Yankees with an 11-6 victory that put Boston atop the American League East division.

Carl Crawford and J.D. Drew also connected, both in the ninth inning. Jacoby Ellsbury had three hits and Adrian Gonzalez added two RBIs for Boston.

Facing his most familiar foe in Boston hurler Tim Lincecum, Yankees icon Derek Jeter finished 1 for 5 to move within 11 hits of 3,000 for his career.

Jeter had a run-scoring double but also grounded into a rally-killing double play.

Alex Rodriguez homered in the fourth, but the injury-hit Yankees have lost seven of eight meetings with their old rivals this season, including all five at home.

The last time the Red Sox won their first five road games against the Yankees in a season was 1912, on the way to a World Series title.

They won three in a row at Yankee Stadium May 13-15.

"We play these guys so much. If you don't play well they're going to beat you," Jeter said. "They've outplayed us. They have a good team. The bottom line is they can hit and they can pitch. They can do a little bit of everything."

The bad news started for

the contest with a sore back.

The Yankees can at least take heart from their experience in 2009, when they started 0-8 against the Red Sox but went on to win the World Series.

The Red Sox aren't without injury concerns. Second baseman Dustin Pedroia was headed back to Boston for an exam of his sore right knee.

He'll be absent on Thursday when the Red Sox will go for their second sweep at Yankee Stadium in a month. Boston send Josh Beckett to the mound against Yankees ace CC Sabathia.

Beckett has beaten Sabathia and the Yankees twice in two superb starts this season.

MLB Standings

American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	35	26	.574	--
NY YANKEES	33	26	.559	1.0
TAMPA	33	29	.532	2.5
TORONTO	32	30	.516	3.5
BALTIMORE	29	31	.483	5.5

Central

CLEVELAND	34	26	.567	--
DETROIT	33	28	.541	1.5
CHICAGO	30	34	.469	6.0
KANSAS	26	36	.419	9.0
MINNESOTA	23	38	.377	11.5

West

TEXAS	35	28	.556	--
SEATTLE	32	30	.516	2.5
LA ANGELES	30	34	.469	5.5
OAKLAND	27	36	.429	8.0

National League

East

PHILADELPHIA	37	25	.597	--
ATLANTA	34	28	.548	3.0
FLORIDA	31	29	.517	5.0
NY METS	29	32	.475	7.5
WASHINGTON	27	35	.435	10.0

Central

ST. LOUIS	37	26	.587	--
MILWAUKEE	35	27	.565	1.5
CINCINNATI	32	31	.508	5.0
PITTSBURG	30	30	.500	5.5
CHICAGO	24	36	.400	11.5
HOUSTON	24	38	.387	12.5

West

SAN FRANCISCO	35	27	.565	--
ARIZONA	33	29	.532	2.0
COLORADO	29	32	.475	5.5
LA DODGERS	29	34	.460	6.5
SAN DIEGO	28	35	.444	7.5

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Amir Khan closes in on unification showdown



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Britain's Amir Khan is confident that he will move closer to becoming the undisputed world super lightweight champion next month by taking the title of rival champion Zab Judah.

World Boxing Association champion Khan, 25-1 with 17 knockouts, goes for his eighth victory in a row on July 23 at Las Vegas against US southpaw Judah, the International Boxing Federation champion who is 41-6 with 28 knockouts.

"Zab is a tricky southpaw who has won many world titles but I don't think this is his time," Khan said. "I know how to beat Judah. He doesn't have the hunger that I do. I don't think he can take the belt off me."

Judah, who at 33 is nine years older than Khan, was the undisputed world welterweight champion six years ago.

"I'm ready and focused," Judah said. "It was a long road back to the top, but this is what a champion is made

of. When they are knocked down, they rise back up to the top."

"Amir can deal with a loss right now. It's 'Super' Judah time."

Khan's trainer, Freddie Roach, has already started working on a plan to handle Judah.

"Zab has been around for a while. He's a very slick southpaw," Roach said. "But we're working on it everyday and Amir is way ahead of schedule."

Since losing to countryman Josh Clottey in a 2008 IBF welterweight title fight, Judah has won five fights in a row and the Khan fight will be his fourth in just a year and a week.

"I've beat a guy from Mexico (Jose Santa Cruz), from Argentina (Lucas Matthysse), from Africa (South African Kaiser Mabuza for the IBF crown in March) and now I will beat a guy from the United Kingdom," Judah said.

"Just call me the international assassin."

Helping Judah try to back up his boasts is retired boxing legend Pernell "Sweet Pea" Whitaker, now Judah's trainer.

"He's a great fighter, one of the best in the world today," Whitaker said. "We still have work to do. This is just the beginning. He's back in training camp working for something. He's getting in that ring to unify the titles."



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Austin vows CONCACAF fight as FIFA row rumbles on

ST. JAMES (AFP) - Lisle Austin, the acting president of CONCACAF, North American football's governing body, vowed on Thursday to fight his suspension as the fallout from the FIFA corruption scandal took another twist.

In a statement released from his native Barbados in conjunction with a letter sent to FIFA, Austin said he has urged FIFA president Sepp Blatter to step into the power struggle.

"Earlier this week, I advised FIFA President Sepp

Blatter of the actual course of events related to the governance of CONCACAF and urged his intervention to ensure that the statutes of CONCACAF are honored," Austin said.

"Any and all guidance from FIFA in resolving the

unfortunate situation at CONCACAF is most welcome."

Austin has "asked Mr. Blatter to recognize my rights in that role. Further uncertainty will only serve to frustrate the goals of transparency and reform not

only for CONCACAF but for the sport of association football."

Bin Hammam and Warner were suspended and Blatter, whose only rival in the vote had been bin Hammam, was elected unopposed to a fourth term.

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